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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

TSUMURA et al

Appln. No. 09/585,573

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Title: AN APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING GLASS BASE MATERIAL
AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING GLASS BASE MATERIAL

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See the degree of relevancy (category) and the particular passages cited for each document in that Search Report.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Contingent Petition Under Rule 97(d)(ii): Should a Notice of Allowance have been issued on the same day as or before the filing date of this IDS, please consider this a Petition under Rule 97(d)(ii), charge the petition fee to our Deposit Account

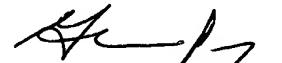
No. 03-3975 under Order No. 7874/270735, and proceed to consider this IDS under Rule 97(d).

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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